

October 27, 2003; Agenda Item No. 13

Resolution No. 03-183

RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY AUTHORIZING A GRANT OF PROPOSITION 50 FUNDS TO THE MOUNTAINS RECREATION AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE *SAN GABRIEL AND LOS ANGELES RIVER WATERSHED AND OPEN SPACE PLAN* PURSUANT TO SECTION 79508 OF THE WATER CODE, BY DEVELOPMENT OF AN INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM IN THE UPPER LOS ANGELES RIVER WATERSHED

WHEREAS, The State of California has authorized expenditure of funds from Proposition 50, the Water Quality, Supply and Safe Drinking Water Projects. Coastal Wetlands Purchase and Protection Act to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for capital outlay and grants to acquire and protect coastal wetlands and watersheds; and

WHEREAS, The State of California has authorized Proposition 50, the Water Quality, Supply and Safe Drinking Water Projects, Coastal Wetlands Purchase and Protection Act and has designated funding for Integrated Regional Water Management in Water Code Section 79560; and

WHEREAS, The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy has entered into a joint powers agreement with the Conejo and Rancho Simi Recreation and Park Districts pursuant to Government Code Section 6500 *et seq.* to create the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority; and

WHEREAS, The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority are leaders in watershed management; and

WHEREAS, The staff report dated October 27, 2003 describes the proposed grant; and

WHEREAS, The proposed action is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); Now

Therefore Be It Resolved, That the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy hereby:

1. AUTHORIZES a grant of Proposition 50 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority in an amount not to exceed \$217,980 for implementation of the *San Gabriel and Los Angeles River Watershed and Open Space Plan* pursuant to Section 79508 of the Water Code, by development of an integrated regional water management program in the Upper Los Angeles River watershed.

2. FINDS that the proposed action is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.
3. ADOPTS the staff report dated October 27, 2003 for this item.
4. AUTHORIZES such Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority budget amendments as may be necessary to carry out this resolution.
5. FURTHER AUTHORIZES the Executive Director to execute the grant agreement and to perform any and all acts necessary to carry out this resolution; without limiting the generality of the foregoing, such authority shall include those provisions that he shall determine in the exclusive exercise of his discretion are necessary to carry out the purposes of this resolution and to comply with the policies of the Conservancy, and to otherwise carry out the provisions of state law and regulations.

~ End of Resolution ~

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was adopted at a special meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, duly noticed and held according to law, on the 27th day of October, 2003 at Pacific Palisades, California.

Dated:

Executive Director